



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety Canine Units seize over 700 pounds of Marijuana and \$165,000 in cash during a one week period

In the seven day period beginning October 11th and ending October 18th, 2007, Arizona Department of Public Safety Canine Officers seized 714 pounds of Marijuana and in one traffic stop discovered \$165,313.00 in U.S. Currency. In that incident, which occurred October 11th on Interstate 17 near Camp Verde, the driver who was stopped was arrested for money laundering. DPS Canine "LC" played a major role in discovering the cash.

The drug seizures began on October 14, 2007, when a DPS Canine Officer made a traffic stop on I-40 near Winslow. With the help of DPS Canine "Alex" a search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery and seizure of 279 pounds of Marijuana. The next day another DPS Canine Officer stopped a vehicle for a moving violation on I-40 near Holbrook. Indicators of criminal activity were observed. A search ensued with the help of DPS Canine "Barry". As a result, 7 kilos of cocaine were found in a hidden compartment of the vehicle.

Two days later in the southern part of the state a DPS Canine Officer made a traffic stop on I-10 near Picacho Peak. A search of the vehicle with the help of DPS Canine "DK" revealed 201 pounds of Marijuana. The driver of the vehicle cooperated with DPS detectives giving information on a stash house in Tucson. After Officers converged on the house, "DK" alerted them to the outside of the home. A search warrant was issued and another 234 pounds of marijuana was located.

"These seizures provide just a small snapshot of the incredible work performed every day by our Canine Officers statewide. We're very proud of their efforts as our agency continues to remain diligent in the on-going battle to take drugs off the street and pursue the criminal syndicates that move drugs and cash through Arizona," said Arizona Department of Public Safety Director Roger Vanderpool.

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